

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

The following claim set replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. 24. *(Currently Amended)* A method of fabricating an electroluminescent device including the steps of:

- a) implanting a surface region of a silicon wafer, doped with a donor impurity to render the wafer n-type, with an acceptor impurity such that the surface region has a volume concentration of the acceptor impurity which is greater than a volume concentration of the donor impurity;
- b) anodizing the wafer under illumination to produce a luminescent porous silicon region extending through the surface region; and
- c) depositing an electrode on the porous silicon region;

wherein thea condition (i) is satisfied, wherein condition (i) requires that at least a part of the region has an acceptor impurity volume concentration comparable with the solid solubility limit of the acceptor impurity in silicon is satisfied;

and/or wherein one or moreat least one of the following conditions are satisfied:

- (ii) the surface region has a sheet resistivity greater than $100 \Omega \text{ m}^2$ per square immediately prior to the anodizing step;
- (iii) less than 1% of the acceptor impurity is electrically active prior to the anodizing step;
- (iv) the silicon wafer does not receive an anneal between steps (a) and (b); and
- (v) the anodization step (b) causes surface doping of silicon quantum wires within the porous silicon region, rendering the surface doped quantum wires p-type.
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2. ~~25.~~ (Currently Amended) A method of fabricating an electroluminescent device according to claim ~~24~~, wherein, ~~when one or more~~ at least one of conditions (ii) to (v) apply, and the anodization step (b) comprises the step of anodizing the wafer in aqueous hydrofluoric acid in such a manner that microporous porous silicon is formed.

26-31. (*Withdrawn from consideration*)]